

Responsibilities of U.S. Government Members on U.S. Codex Committee Delegations

-U.S. Government members should attend all Codex committee sessions and be available to assist the U.S. delegate, upon request. Government member delegates are expected to attend delegation meetings convened by the U.S. delegate or alternate.

-A member of the U.S. delegation may not serve concurrently during a Codex committee session as a member of another country's delegation, or on the delegation of an accredited observer of the Codex session.

-U.S. Government members may informally discuss with foreign government officials, on behalf of the U.S. Government, at any Codex committee session. The U.S. delegate may authorize a government member to explain a technical or factual point if they best articulate the point to help advance U.S. objectives.

-The U.S. delegate will consult with and seek recommendations from government and non-government members, but is not required to present recommendations made by non-government members at any Codex committee session.

-U.S. Government members should not advocate positions outside of the U.S. delegation during a Codex committee session that may undermine the position of the U.S. Government, as determined by the U.S. delegate. They will not be prohibited, however, from expressing views on the outcome of a negotiation, after conclusion of the negotiation or the Codex committee session.

-U.S. Government members are not immune from any laws or regulations of the U.S. or the host country as a result of participation on a U.S. delegation.